

Transportation Commission

October 2, 2013



Funding Update

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City Council:

- Updated on the DASH Efficiency Study on Sep. 10
- Approved priorities for RSTP/CMAQ funds on Sep. 24

DRPT:

- TSDAC tentatively adopted a method for allocating new operating funds which includes a 3 phased approach that rewards performance improvement in different phases and transition periods
- City provided comments on its concerns that the transit needs of people working or visiting jurisdictions were not addressed

Commonwealth Transportation Board:

Presentations were given on Sep. 17 on VRE and Transit performance metrics

TPB:

 Reviewed comments received concerning the draft Regional Transportation Priorities Plan on Sep. 18



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WMATA:

- WMATA Planning, Program Development, and Real Estate
 Committee approved granting Alexandria a permanent easement to construct access improvements at King St.-Old Town Metrorail Station
- Held public hearings on route modifications suggested by WMATA staff

NVTC:

- Board received comments regarding TSDAC committee and authorized sending a letter expressing concerns regarding method of allocating new operating revenues
- Discussed preliminary findings by auditor of public accounts regarding VRE

NVTA:

 Board was briefed on Sep. 26 of DRPT SuperNova Plan, and VDOT HBB599 Prioritization Study





Route 7 Transit Alternatives Analysis Study

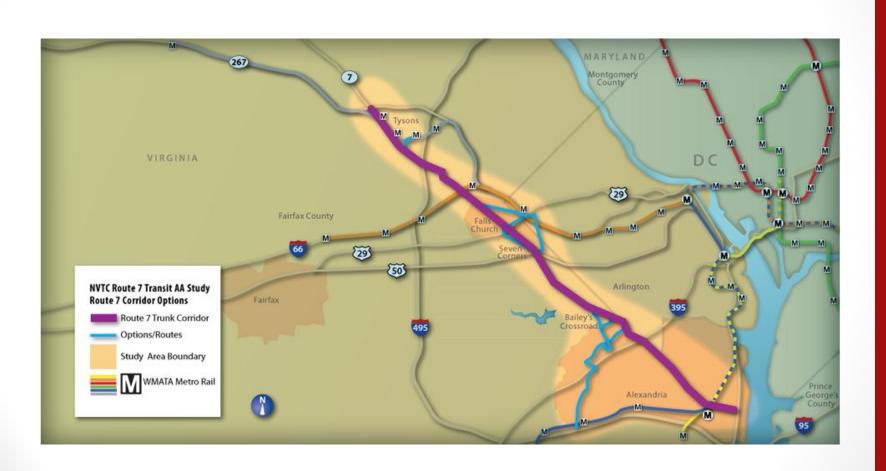


Project Overview

- Addresses the need to make Route 7 corridor more accessible, desirable, and easier to travel through
- Evaluates whether high-capacity transit service is needed or if improvements to local transit services will meet current/future needs
- Includes in-depth study of:
 - travel needs;
 - range of transit alternatives;
 - development potential;
 - environmental impacts;
 - costs and potential funding sources.



Route 7 Transit AA Study Area





Mode Alternatives

- Current modes under consideration
 - Light Rail
 - Mixed traffic or dedicated ROW
 - Bus Rapid Transit
 - Dedicated lanes
 - Branding
 - Low floor boarding, off board fare collection
 - Widely spaced stops
 - Transportation System Management
 - Transit signal priority/queue jumps
 - Enhanced local service ("Metro Extra")



Public Feedback to-Date

- Need for overall roadway improvements
- Improvements should consider all existing and potential modes (ped, bike, SOV, etc)
- Need for better connections to various destinations along corridor
- Need for more reliable service and better facilities for transit
- Transit improvements not needed
- Transit improvements too expensive



Project Schedule

- Background research, scoping report: Nov 2012 Apr 2013
- First public meeting: July 25, 2013
- Definition of Alternatives: April 2013 Oct 2013
- Second public meeting: Sept 18, 2013
- Phase I Study Findings: Oct 2013
- Phase II of Alternatives Analysis Commences: Nov 2013





"What's Next, Alexandria?" Civic Engagement





New Department of Project Implementation





FY2015-24 CIP



Draft Budget Guidance

- Maintain funding for highest priorities set by Transportation Commission
- Allocate NVTA 70% funds for high priority major capital investments with regional impacts, with an emphasis on leveraging non-city funds and/or accelerating project delivery
- Utilize funding sources with least restrictions on project eligibility (i.e. CMAQ, RSTP, and NVTA 30% funds) for non-motorized projects, project development, ADA improvements, maintenance and operations



Draft Budget Guidance cont'd

- Commit adequate operating funds to provide the project management, procurement and management staff resources necessary to implement new capital projects and programs efficiently
- Ensure that city transportation funding is maintained or increased above the required maintenance-of-effort requirements of HB2313, to provide new transportation capacity and enhanced transportation services and programs while also maintaining existing assets in a state of good repair





Staff Updates